

Paragraph beginning at line 27, ~~amend~~ as follows:

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This object is achieved by the processing environment determining means, by the telecommunication network that comprises such a processing environment determining means, by the method that is used by such a processing environment determining means, by the terminal capability server means and the network service capability server means that inter-operates with such a processing environment determining means all as described herein.

Page 6, ~~paragraph~~ beginning at line 19, ~~amend~~ as follows:

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A further feature of the invention is that the predefined rules and conditions are at least partly determined by any one of user requirements and user preferences of a user that uses a terminal, and operator requirements and operator preferences of an operator that exploits the network elements, and service provider requirements and service provider preferences of a service provider that operates the service provider equipment. In this way, the different parties that comprises the different processing environments are involved in the appointing process. It has to be explained that user requirements are e.g. required minimum delays for receiving a result of a service, required predefined Quality of Service and a user preference is e.g. a preferred Quality of Service. The sub-network requirements are e.g. maximum load balancing statistics or required processing capacity distribution in the different network elements of a sub-network and a sub-network preference is e.g. preferred processing capacity distribution in the different network elements of the sub-network.

Page 7, ~~paragraph~~ beginning at line 6, ~~amend~~ as follows:

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A further characteristic feature of the invention is that the predefined requirements and preferences are e.g. communicated by a user to the party that exploits the processing environment determining means and are entered as a parameter in an algorithm that represents the predefined rules and conditions. However, the processing

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environment determining means further comprises second retrieving means to retrieve, not only from a memory, but eventual also 'on line' updated user requirements, user preferences, operator requirements, operator preferences, service provider requirements and service provider preferences from any one of a terminal, a network element and a service provider equipment.

paragraph beginning at line 29, amend as follows:

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This problem is solved by the feature of the invention whereby the first retrieving means retrieves the processing capability information from any one of a terminal capability server means via predefined terminal application open signals and a network service capability server means of a sub-network via predefined network application open service architecture signals.

Page 9, paragraph beginning at line 4, delete this paragraph.

Page 10, paragraph, beginning at line 5, delete this paragraph.

paragraph beginning at line 15, amend as follows:

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A further feature of the invention is that the processing environment determining means according to the present invention can be comprised in any one of a terminal, a sub-network being any one of a home network, a visited network and an intermediate network of said telecommunication network and a service provider equipment.

paragraph beginning at line 20, amend as follows:

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A final characteristic feature becomes clear by explaining that the first retrieving means might retrieve processing capability information that is associated with any one of a User Service Identity Module USIM of a terminal and a terminal equipment of a terminal. Indeed, as it is described above, a